

HAM-ography

By W9GFS

The ham game has grown so diversified and complex that no one ham can be said to be truly representative of hams in general. We have the guys who would rather build and rebuild than operate, those who take pride in elaborate mobile installations, the ragchewers who care not what the efficiency of the Class C stage may be, the operators who delight in traffic handling and competition -- any kind. The ham chosen by lot for this month's biographical sketch represents primarily the competitive spirit in amateur radio.

Just take a listen during any operating contest during the late hours when even that sleepless wonder 'ole QLW has dropped out and who will you hear still racking up the contest points? That's right, Mac -- W9DGA -- our March biographical victim.

Clifford C. McGuyer (b. 1920) is a local boy who survived the educational rigors of Central High School in 1937 and received his ham license in 1939. Little is known of his boyhood days but the fact that he became a ham would indicate that they probably were not normal (this last is an unsolicited opinion about hams in general from my XYL.)

Mac's first brasspounding activities were on 20 meters with a 6L6--TZ40 rig. This is probably where he was bitten by the DX bug although no proof is extant.

In 1942 Mac entered the Army and the end of the war found him in Egypt with a row of KW transmitters, a receiver, and a key available. What would you do under the circumstances? I understand that RC9ME worked quite a bit of DX.

When he returned to W9 territory, he became a ham gear salesman at Castrup's and got to be pretty good at it. (If you don't believe this, look around in your gear and spot a few of the parts he talked you into buying hi!) This was followed by a period at ERI and one at WEOA. At present he is working as a radio operator for the Evansville police.

Mac has garnered just about all of the operating honors that can be obtained by persistent and intelligent operating. He is WAC, has made DX Century Club, and has finally made the Brass Pounders League. To appreciate this last one, try handling 500 messages in one month. In fact, DGA has collected about all the ham wall paper available with the exception of a sheaf of pink tickets.

Old timers in the TARS (if a youthful organization like ours can be said to have old timers) will remember that Mac has contributed a great deal of time and effort to the organization and perpetuation of TARS. (He is also the chief exponent of Fone-CW baseball.)

The rig at DGA uses a pair of 810's in the final running about 300 watts and the antenna is -- Oh, let's skip the details, why not go over and see it -- and meet, if you haven't already, a real operator and a swell guy. (Just don't cross him about ARRL Hi!!)

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Several reports have come in on Tex Beneke, the famous band leader. He is now a ham - W2CKD, and apparently has a nice mobile rig for travel. Recently he drove through town and was QSO with a W6 in Los Angeles. Anyone here work him?

Scotty Chase, an ex DL4 in Germany, is reported back home. As 4PMX - mobile he recently was QSO 9RCD. He says he is running 35 watts to an 807. His home is at Reed, Kentucky, and he expects to be there for a few weeks.

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